

## Press Release of Classis Pacific West, April 6, 2010 in Langley, B.C.

- After Rev. H. Alkema opened the meeting in a Christian manner, the credentials were examined and found to be in good order, classis was constituted and appointed Rev. J. Slaa as chairman, Rev. A. Souman as vice-chairman and Rev. T. Lodder as clerk.
- Rev. T. VanRaalte signed the form for subscription.
- One appeal was received from a member of one of the churches. This appeal was declared inadmissible.
- Reports:

The treasurer reported regarding the Classis Pacific West fund that an additional assessment was asked because of higher costs in the first part of 2009. However, the costs for the classis meeting of October 2009 were lower than expected. He gave a report of income and expenses over 2009. The report was received with thankfulness. The assessment for 2010 is set at \$ 6.00 per communicant member.

The church for auditing the books for the treasurer reported that the books were found to be in good order. Classis thanked the treasurer for his work and discharged him of his duties.

The church for inspection of the archives reported that the archives were found to be in order. This report was received with thankfulness. The church asked a few questions regarding what should be kept in the archives and received some input from the delegates.
- Question period (art. 44 CO) took place.
- The following appointments were made:
  - a. *Next Classis* – Convening church: Langley; place: Langley; date: June 8, 2010 (alternate date October 5, 2010).
  - b. *Suggested officers*: Rev.A.Souman (chairman), Rev. T. Lodder (vice-chairman), Rev. VanRaalte (clerk).
  - c. *Examinations* – Coordinating deputies: Revs. Souman and Visscher; OT – Rev.H.Alkema; NT Rev.A.Souman; Doctrine and Creeds – Rev.T. VanRaalte; Knowledge of Scripture – Rev.R. DeJonge; Church History Rev.J.Visscher; Church Polity – Rev. J. Slaa; Ethics – Rev.T. Lodder; Diaconology – Rev.T.Lodder.
  - d. *Church Visitors* – Revs.J.Visscher (convener), Lodder, Slaa, Souman.
  - e. *Church for taking care of the archives* – Smithers.
  - f. *Church to inspect the archives* – Houston.
  - g. *Treasurer* – Br.K.Bulthuis, 17383 60A Ave, Surrey, BC V3S 6X9.
  - h. *Church to audit the books of the treasurer* – Cloverdale.
  - i. *Committee for Theological Students* – Br.G.Gunnink (2011), Rev.A.Souman (2013), Br. H. Stel (2011), Br.A.Vanderheide (2013).
  - j. *Committee for Financial Aid to the Needy Churches* – Brs.H.Leyenhorst, P.Vandergugten (convener), R.VanOene.
  - k. *Deputy for preaching arrangements in vacant churches* – Rev. H. Alkema.
  - l. *Deputy for coordinating ecclesiastical contacts* – Rev.J.Visscher.
- Personal question period was made use of.
- Censure (art. 34 CO) was not necessary.
- After the adoption of the acts and approval of the press release the chairman led in prayer and closed the meeting.

For the classis,  
A. Souman, vice chairman